

A TRIBUTE TO THE CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Philadelphia institution and a staple in our community, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has always held itself to the highest standard of care. This month, they have been recognized for their excellence as they were rated as the best over all children's hospital in America in a U.S. News & World Report exclusive annual ranking, receiving this honor for the sixth year in a row.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia was founded in 1855 and was the first hospital devoted solely to the care of children. Today it houses 430 beds and treats more than one million patients a year. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia specializes in cancer, digestive disorders, heart and heart surgery, neonatal care, neurology and neurosurgery and respiratory disorders. While coming in first for overall general practices, the hospital also ranked in the top three in the country in each of these individual categories.

Since it was established the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has been concentrated on caring for the families of patients as well as the patients themselves. Now they have programs where parents teach the physicians what it is like to care for a child with a specific disease, because they have the best knowledge of this. The Children's Hospital also encourages families to stay with their children at all times, making the treatment more bearable for the children and their families.

Madam Speaker, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is a key institution in Philadelphia and I congratulate them on this honor and thank them for their dedication to excellence and their service to our community.

THE DAILY 45: MIGUEL CELIS

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Young lives are being cut short because of gun violence and families on both sides of the gun are dramatically affected.

Last week, authorities charged Edgar Ceasar Diaz, 15, of Waukegan, Illinois with six counts of first-degree murder that, if convicted, could land him in jail for the remainder of his life. His family is in pain over what their son is charged with.

Diaz is accused of the April 25 shooting death of 18-year-old Miguel Celis also of Waukegan. Celis died of a gunshot wound to the chest fired from a .38-caliber handgun that was recovered from Diaz, according to reports. His family is in mourning.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

RECOGNITION OF RICHARD M.  
KNAPP, PH.D.

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Richard M. Knapp, Ph.D., who is retiring as Executive Vice President of the Association of American Medical Colleges, AAMC, after 40 years of service to the Nation on behalf of medical schools and teaching hospitals.

As the senior policy advisor to the AAMC, Dr. Knapp has provided leadership on a wide range of health policy matters, particularly regarding the delivery of hospital and medical services where medical education simultaneously occurs and research brings advances.

Dr. Knapp joined the AAMC in 1968 after earning a bachelor of arts degree from Marietta College, in Marietta, Ohio, and a Ph.D. in hospital and health administration from the University of Iowa.

He has consistently been a fair and thoughtful advocate for the Nation's teaching hospitals and medical schools, and his knowledge and integrity are widely recognized and appreciated.

Dr. Knapp's service to the health community includes his tenure on the Board of Trustees of the Inova Health System in Fairfax County, Virginia, from 1983–2005, where he served as chair from 1999–2003. He is a past chairman of the National Association for Biomedical Research and has held the offices of secretary and treasurer in the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions. He also served on the Advisory Board for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowships.

Before becoming executive vice president of the AAMC, Dr. Knapp served the organization as senior vice president, director of the Department of Teaching Hospitals, director of the Division of Teaching Hospitals, and director of a teaching hospital project.

His contributions to health care policy have been recognized by his election to the Institute of Medicine.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Knapp and his family every success and happiness in the next phase of his life.

THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS  
PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 6219, the Private Property Rights Protection and Government Accountability Act of 2008.

Previously, the U.S. Constitution specifically limited government taking of private property through a relatively narrow exception for "public use." Public use has historically referred to roads, schools, firehouses, etc. You may remember the infamous 2005 Supreme Court decision, *Kelo v. City of New London*, where the court broadened the government's ability

to take your home, farm, business or place of worship. The negative affects of this far reaching Supreme Court decision places millions of private property owners nationwide at risk.

Some States are trying to correct this injustice and have enacted restrictions on the use of eminent domain (in this case, is when the government seizes private property), with varied effectiveness. However, Congress has not taken action to restore private property rights and the abusive use of eminent domain has continued.

That is why I am introducing the Private Property Rights Protection and Government Accountability Act of 2008, along with the House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member JOE BARTON. This legislation will restrict certain federal economic development funds for 10 years to any state or locality in which eminent domain is used to take private property for a private purpose. It will also allow private property owners the legal recourse they deserve to fight baseless private property takings by State and local governments.

Examples of eminent domain abuse can be seen across Oklahoma, from Oklahoma City to Muskogee, and across this country.

No family, business operator or place of worship is safe if the government decides that their property does not measure up, and that "public purpose" would be better served if it were torn down and replaced by something bigger, glitzier and more taxable. I encourage all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF KATHERINE KELLY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Katherine Kelly. Ms. Kelly is a lifelong Democrat who has always fought for the values and ideals that our party and our country hold dear.

As a member of the Democratic Executive Committee (D.E.C.) of Palm Beach County for more than 30 years, Katherine and her late husband, Edward Kelly, helped to build the D.E.C. and bring it to the position of prominence it holds today. Recognizing her status as one of the most respected Democrats in Palm Beach County, her fellow Committee members elected her State Committeewoman, a title she still holds.

Katherine Kelly was a founding member of Palm Beach County's first chapter of the National Organization for Women and has spent her entire life fighting to advance the rights of women. She has also been a leader in countless endeavors to ensure the rights of minorities and underprivileged citizens. And she is an ardent supporter of organized labor and the rights of working men and women in South Florida and throughout our Nation.

Katherine Kelly's relentless efforts have resulted in the election of many Democratic officials at all levels of government. More importantly, however, they have resulted in better lives for the people for whom she has fought.

Katherine is loved and respected by all who have benefited from her compassion, concern,